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THE CHIEF JUSTICE

Ms. Linda Mohny Rhodus
Administrative Counsel
Michigan Supreme Court
P.O. Box 30104
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Various Proposed Court Rule Amendments

Dear Ms. Rhodus:

At its meeting on July 26, 2002, the State Bar of Michigan Board of Commissioners considered the following proposed amendments published for comment by the Supreme Court, and took the following positions:

1999-50 and 2000-27 – Proposed Amendments of Rules 7.205, 7.210, 7.215, 7.302 and 7.316

The Board voted to support the amendments in general, but urges the Court to retain discretion with respect to late applications for leave to appeal.

2001-10 - Proposed Amendments of Rule 6.005 and Proposed New Rule 8.123

The Board of Commissioners voted to oppose the proposed amendment in principle. The State Bar has received comments from a sub-entity of the Bar, which are attached. The Bar has convened an ad hoc committee to address the concerns raised, and expects to be providing further input to the Court in the near future.

2002-14 - Proposed Amendment of Rule 9.128

The Board of Commissioners voted to support the proposed amendment in principle.

2002-16 - Proposed Amendment of Rule 9.110

The Board of Commissioners voted to support the proposed amendment in principle.

2002-18 - Proposed Amendment of Rules 7.302, 7.304, 7.306 and 7.309

The Board of Commissioners voted to support the proposed amendment in principle.


2002-25 – Proposed Amendments of Rules 6.445 & 6.610

The Board of Commissioners voted to support the proposed amendments in principle.



Thank you for the opportunity to offer the State Bar's input on these issues.

Sincerely,


John T. Berry
Executive Director

by Glenn Peters

Enclosure: Comments from the Legal Aid Committee

cc: Janet Welch, General Counsel